TRIP NOTES CYCLE GRANADA E-BIKE TOUR

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- □ Price: 995 €
- □ Pre-booking: 20 %
- □ Minimum of persons: 4
- Duration: 6 days
- □ Tour type: guided
- □ Season: Spring and Autumn
- Total distance: 190 km
- □ Total ascent: 3.120 m
- □ Total descent: 4.930 m
- □ Terrain: 100 % Pavement
- □ Route type: Point-to-point
- Difficulty: Level 3
- E-bike: Yes

INCLUDED

□ Liability insurance and assistance

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- □ 2 professional guides
- □ Backup vehicle
- □ Luggage transport
- □ Airport Transfer >
- □ Accommodation: 5 nights
- Breakfast: 5 days
- Lunch: 4 picnics
- E-bike
- □ Helmet
- □ Water bottle
- □ Cycle shirt

NOT INCLUDED

- □ Flight
- □ Travel & assistance insurance
- □ Cancellation insurance
- □ Dinner
- Extra meals
- Extra excursions
- □ Personal expenses
- □ Tips
- □ Extra nights
- Private transport after or before the tour

EXTRA

Need to be booked in Advance.

- □ Private room (5 nights): 220 €
- □ Private guided tour Alhambra: 55 €
- Guided tour of the ham-curing process in the highest village of Sierra Nevada + tasting: 10 €

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□ Olive Oil tasting: 15 €

At the feet of Sierra Nevada, we offer you the possibility to taste and appreciate olive oil through our senses, and a guided route in the olive oil museum.

AVAILABILITY

□ Spring and Autumn

HIGHLIGHTS

- □ Epic, ever-changing landscapes from desert landscapes, high mountains with traditional villages, and the tropical Mediterranean coast towards Granada, the mythical city that witnessed the fall of the last king of Moorish Al-Andalus.
- Rural hotels

RECOMMENDATIONS

Start your tour 1 day earlier or longer in Granada to give yourself enough time to enjoy the city of Granada, the most visited historical monument in all of Spain: the Alhambra. We can book you an extra night at our selected hotel. Be aware there are no transfers included for pre- and post-hotel extensions.

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REQUIREMENTS

- □ Booking Conditions. See terms and conditions.
- □ Travel insurance. See terms and conditions.
- □ Release of liability form. See terms and conditions.

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CANCELLATION POLICY

□ See terms and conditions.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Sun and snow, land and sea, history and legend

The province of Granada has so much to offer, from the mythical city that witnessed the fall of the last king of Moorish Al-Andalus to untouched natural areas. The land that charmed romantic travelers still captivates anybody who visits it. The Cycling Journey takes you along epic, ever-changing landscapes from a vast high plateau to desert landscapes, high mountains with traditional villages, and the tropical Mediterranean coast towards Granada.

Day 1 WELCOME

Upon arrival either in Málaga or Granada, our pick-up will drive us to our hotel in Granada.

Free day Granada

- A city with history located at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The cultural riches of Granada with influences from the Moors, Catholics, and Jews make this city in Spain into an important cultural center with Moorish rule spanning 800 years of occupation.
- □ In the afternoon there is the optional guided tour of Alhambra and the gardens of the Generalife for those who have pre-reserved the activity.
- □ The rest of the day you are free to explore more beautiful places and to try the Granada tapas which are known for serving free tapas with every drink.
- □ The tour guide will organize a place to have dinner together to celebrate the first evening of the journey.

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Track 1 In search of cave dwellings

- Distance: 50 km
- □ Total ascent: 800 m
- □ Total descent: 680 m
- Duration: 6 hours
- Difficulty: LEVEL 3

After breakfast, our pick-up will drive us to the starting point of the first cycle ride in search of the cave dwellings located northeast of Granada. The tour leader will give an introductory briefing about the trip, followed by a safety and bicycle technical briefing. After the briefing, you can try out your bicycles and make minor adjustments to ensure comfort.

We start to pedal through the mountainous landscape, a route of tranquility and beauty of great historical-cultural and natural interest belonging to the territory of the Granada Geopark, which was declared a UNESCO Global Geopark.

After passing several villages, the road leads us to the old town of Guadix, showing an important heritage of monuments, with the medieval Arab Citadel, the Cathedral, and various Mudejar-style buildings. The most characteristic feature is that many of the inhabitants of this large town live in cave houses.

After a visit to the cave houses, we will cycle to our cave hotel, where we will stay the second night.

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Hotel 1

- Pool
- Restaurant and bar

Track 2 First Route Alpujarras

- Distance: 50 km
- □ Total ascent: 850 m
- □ Total descent: 2.050 m
- Duration: 5 hours
- Difficulty: LEVEL 3

A route through a beautiful region of white mountain villages nestled between the southern slopes of the Sierra Nevada and the Mediterranean Sea. The Alpujarra is an area where time seems to stand still. It is the last redoubt of the Moriscos from Granada showing the symbiosis between man and the environment reached by the Moorish culture of Al-Andalus.

We start the day by driving to "Puerto de la Ragua", a mountain pass at an elevation of 2.000 meters, located on the boundary of Granada and Almería provinces. The route passes through picturesque villages with stunning views over the valley and its terraced farms. On clear days, it's possible to see the Mediterranean Sea and even Africa.

Along the way, there is time to stop and explore some of the rustic villages having a very distinct architecture as a result of the Berber occupation: flat-roofed, box-shaped white houses with tall round chimneys, clustered along narrow, winding, and steep streets, clinging to the mountains of the Sierra Nevada.

Our next hotel is a "cortijada", a traditional group of homesteads and farm buildings, that has been transformed into a hotel.

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Hotel 2

- Pool
- Restaurant and bar

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Track 3 Second Route Alpujarras

- Distance: 40 km
- □ Total ascent:1.020 m
- Total descent: 850 m
- Duration: 6 hours
- Difficulty: LEVEL 3

After breakfast, we drive back to the higher part of the Alpujarras to continue the journey with our first destination, the village Trevélez, one of the highest villages in Spain located at 1.480 meters in the Trevélez Gorge. It is well known for ham drying in a traditional way, which has its own Denomination of Origin for its quality and great flavor.

There is an optional ham tour for those who have pre-reserved the activity. After that, we keep cycling towards the village of Capileira, at 1.435 meters, the highest of the three villages in the Poquiera Gorge, one of the most beautiful places in the Alpujarras. A truly great experience to stay the night with the breathtaking landscapes of the southern slopes of Sierra Nevada.

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Track 4 From Mountains to Coastline

- Distance: 50 km
- Total ascent: 450 m
- □ Total descent: 1.350 m
- Duration: 7 hours
- Difficulty: LEVEL 2

We leave the Alpujarras behind us and drive to the highest village of the Lecrín Valley where we stay the last night of the tour.

There is an optional Olive oil tour in the morning for those who have pre-reserved the activity.

Our last cycle day takes us through the Lecrín Valley, an area of rolling hills, ravines, rugged cliffs, and rivers covered with cultivated citrus and orange groves, almond trees, and olive oil plantations. We cycle towards the viewpoint where the Mediterranean Sea comes into view with our destination the village of Salobreña.

Next, after enjoying a swim and a drink, we will head back to our rural hotel where we will celebrate our last evening of the cycle journey.

Hotel 4

- Pool
- Restaurant and bar

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Day 6 Goodbye

The journey ends after breakfast. There will be a private airport transfer from the hotel to the airport in Granada or Málaga.

BICYCLES

We provide high-quality electrical bicycles with pannier bags for carrying luggage, allowing the bike to take the weight rather than your shoulders. When booking, you indicate your height and weight to have the correct frame size of the bicycle at the start of your holiday.

- $\hfill\square$ The bicycles are marked with the client's name.
- On the first day, you will be able to try out your bicycle and make minor adjustments to ensure comfort
- Besides the pannier, a helmet, and water bottle will be given
- Extra clothing provision which includes sweaters, jackets, gloves, etc.
- □ We facilitate fitting your pedals or saddle if you wish to bring them
- □ We provide spare parts and take care of the day-to-day maintenance

Check out our blog for more information about our bicycles!

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- Cycling
- □ Bicycles

Check out our blog for more information about our cycle grades!

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- Cycle grades

MEALS

- Breakfast included
- □ We organize outdoor picnics with a great variety of local products
- Dinner is not included

GROUP SIZE

□ Maximum 16 people

□ Small group travel allows people to feel freedom, go at their own pace, get to know companies, and also benefit from a leader's knowledge.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The hotels have been carefully selected with great care for their location and their character to make your trip a single experience. The accommodations include breakfast and good service often with a restaurant, bar, garden, and swimming pool. The hotel room type is a standard double room assigned to two people with two individual beds or one double bed for couples with a private bathroom. Rooms are distributed, in consultation, according to the gender of the travelers. Private rooms can be booked at an additional cost for those who do not wish to be shared with other group members. Due to the limited capacity of the hotels, a single room must always be requested. Hotel extensions, adding an extra day or days at our selected accommodations can be arranged but have to be requested in advance. Because of the limited capacity of the hotels due to the group size, dates, etc., any changes in hotels will be immediately communicated to you.

PRIVATE TRANSPORT

Airport Málaga – Granada

Depending on the arrival time of the people, we organize 1 or 2 private transports to Granada. We recommend arriving in the morning at the airport of Málaga. In case you arrive late in the afternoon at Málaga, we recommend taking the bus to Granada. You will be picked up by us at the bus station in Granada to bring you to the hotel. Be aware of the last buses to Granada!

Hotel Granada – Airport Málaga or Granada

We organize 1 or 2 private transports in the morning to the airport of Málaga or Granada. The first transport goes around 07.00 am to the airport in Málaga. In case you leave later we recommend taking the bus to the airport in Málaga.

□ There are no private transfers included for pre- and post-hotel extensions.

Any questions about the transport do not hesitate to contact us.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Malaga Airport Bus to Granada
 Buy tickets at www.alsa.com
 We will pick you up at the bus station in Granada.
- Granada to Málaga Airport Buy tickets at www.alsa.com

CHECK LIST

Weather is important to consider while packing for your cycling vacation. Your packing list is based on your comfort and sensitivity. The best way to travel and to be outdoors is to layer your clothes. Highly recommended as the best way to stay warm and keep cool, as the weather is bound to change on a multi-day bike tour. Bicycle Checklist:

- □ Water bottle (provided by us)
- □ Sunglasses
- □ Sun protection
- □ Bike helmet (provided by us)
- Cycling jersey or sport shirt (Long and short sleeve)
- □ (Padded) cycle long or short pants
- □ A sweater or fleece (extra layers for cooler climate)
- Rain jacket
- □ Comfortable shoes ¡Not recommended to cycle with sandals!

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- □ Sports socks (quick dry)
- □ Sunhat
- □ Neck warmer (buff)
- □ Gloves
- Extra pair of shoes
- Extra casual clothes
- Swimsuit
- □ Passport
- □ Travel Insurance

Any questions about the recommendations of the material do not hesitate to contact us.

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